

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America  
v.

Frank Bernard NORRIS-WHETSTONE

Case: 2:24-mj-30351  
Assigned To : Unassigned  
Assign. Date : 8/19/2024  
Case No. Description: RE: FRANK BERNARD  
NORRIS-WHETSTONE (EOB)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of July 26, 2024 in the county of Wayne in the  
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*

*Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1)

Felon in possession of a firearm

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence  
and/or by reliable electronic means.

Date: August 19, 2024

City and state: Detroit, Michigan

  
Complainant's signature  
Special Agent Jesus Jimenez - ATF  
Printed name and title

  
Judge's signature  
Honorable David R. Grand, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF**  
**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Jesus I. Jimenez, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

**AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I am a Special Agent with the ATF and have been since May 2020. I have had extensive law enforcement training, including at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in the Criminal Investigator Training Program and ATF Special Agent Basic Training. I also have an associate degree in criminal justice. Part of my duties are to investigate federal crimes involving firearm trafficking, street gangs, and narcotics offenses.

2. Prior to becoming a Special Agent with the ATF, I was a police officer with the Detroit Police Department (DPD) for approximately seven years. During my employment with DPD, I was assigned to multiple specialized units where I participated in numerous arrests and investigations.

3. This affidavit consists of information both from my personal knowledge and from other law enforcement officers. I have not included

every fact known to me concerning this investigation, but only the facts necessary to establish probable cause.

4. Probable cause exists that Frank Bernard NORRIS-WHETSTONE (XX/XX/XX87) violated 18 U.S.C. § 922 (g)(1) – possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

### **PROBABLE CAUSE**

5. Around 6:30 p.m. on July 26, 2024, in the city of Detroit, in the Eastern District of Michigan, a Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper stopped NORRIS-WHETSTONE who was violating state law by driving in between traffic lanes and with a cellular phone in one hand on Interstate-96 (I-96).

6. The Trooper activated their overhead lights while behind NORRIS-WHETSTONE's car. NORRIS-WHETSTONE merged off the I-96 interstate and came to a stop at Wyoming St and the I-96 service drive.

7. The Trooper spoke with NORRIS-WHETSTONE, who was the only person in car, and asked for a valid driver's license. NORRIS-WHETSTONE could not provide a license, so the Trooper asked him to step out of the vehicle and temporarily detained NORRIS-WHETSTONE in front of the Trooper's police vehicle.

8. During the stop, the Trooper asked NORRIS-WHETSTONE two times for consent to search his vehicle; NORRIS-WHETSTONE gave consent both times.

9. During the search of NORRIS-WHETSTONE's vehicle, the Trooper discovered a Glock, 21, .45 caliber, semi-automatic pistol and magazine with 8 live rounds. The firearm was in the open trunk-space of the car.

10. NORRIS-WHETSTONE was placed under arrest for being in possession of a concealed firearm without a license to carry concealed.

11. While waiting for prisoner processing at the Detroit Detention Center (DDC), NORRIS-WHETSTONE asked to make several phone calls. The Trooper agreed to assist him with those calls by using NORRIS-WHETSTONE's cellular phone and placing the calls on speaker phone.

12. NORRIS-WHETSTONE made two phone calls. During the calls, he said that he had been arrested and "they found the gun."

13. On August 16, 2024, Special Agent Matthew Tottten, an ATF interstate nexus expert, was provided with a description of the Glock, 21, .45 caliber pistol recovered from NORRIS-WHETSTONE's car. SA Totten advised that, based on his training and experience, the

description provided, without physically examining the firearm, the firearm was manufactured outside the State of Michigan, and thus had traveled in and affected interstate or foreign commerce

14. I reviewed a computerized criminal history and court records, which show that NORRIS-WHETSTONE was previously convicted and sentenced for the following offenses, each of which are punishable by more than one year of imprisonment:

- Weapons – Carrying Conceal - August 08, 2006 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for Wayne County, Michigan (Case No. 06-8245-01).
- Home Invasion 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - February 12, 2019 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for Wayne County, Michigan (Case No. 18-009073-01).
- Weapons – Carrying Concealed - December 06, 2022 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for Wayne County, Michigan (Case No. 22-055300-01).
- Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Deliver Fentanyl - June 19, 2024 – North Central Judicial District Court, Ward County, North Dakota (Case No. 51-2024-CR-00424).

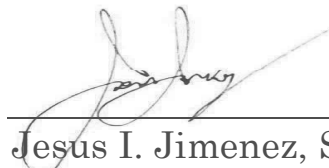
15. NORRIS-WHETSTONE was sentenced to one year in Wayne County Jail for his first carrying a concealed weapon conviction. He has also previously been charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Therefore, at the time he possessed the firearm on July 26, 2024, he knew he had previously been convicted of an offense punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

### CONCLUSION

11. Probable cause exists that on July 26, 2024, Frank Bernard NORRIS-WHETSTONE, knowing that he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment, knowingly possessed a Glock, 21, .45 caliber, semi-automatic pistol, which travelled in or affected interstate commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).

Respectfully submitted,



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Jesus I. Jimenez, Special Agent  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence  
and/or by reliable electronic means.



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Hon. David R. Grand  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: August 19, 2024